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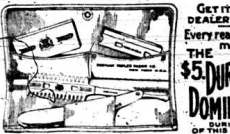


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By UNCLE DAN
Number Four
Military Training Necessary for Safety and Defense.

"Say, Uncle Dan," said Billie, "Jimmie and I have been looking up about war in the encyclopedia at school. We found that in the war between Germany and France in 1870-71, Germany lost in killed and wounded 280,000 soldiers while France lost about six times as many, and besides that, she lost every battle. We asked Professor Slocum why this was. He said that the German army was highly trained, and was well equipped, while the French soldiers were poorly trained; and that their war department was honeycombed with jealousy and politics; that the officers were not much good, and that's why France lost the war and so many men. What do you think about it, Uncle Dan?"

"Well," said Uncle Dan, "Professor Slocum is right. By inefficiency France lost that war, together with two of her best provinces—Alsace and Lorraine—and had to pay a billion dollars indemnity money. France today learned her lesson by that sad experience, so she put in universal military training, and as a result, her soldiers now know how to fight and how to protect themselves. They are losing none of the war that the Germans. France also put politics out of her war department, so that expert authority, instead of bureaucratic suggestions, directs the army. The result is, France has one of the best and most efficient armies every assembled, and this shows that thorough training and good leadership means in warfare. This saved France in this crisis, as well as the millions of the world."

"As war is not conducted, there is no place for an untrained man. A body of 10,000 well trained soldiers properly handled could defeat five times their number of raw recruits and do it every time with comparatively small loss to themselves. Proper training alone will reduce the death and casualty rate out of what it otherwise would be, and right here is an unanswerable argument for universal military training."

"Our government has no moral right to force her men into war service without properly training them for it. To do so is simply murder, hence the drastic effort that is now being made to give her soldiers some training before they are sent to the front. If we fail to win this, it will take trained men to do it, and it will take trained men to win any other war that may come upon us in the future. If we don't fight, let us fight to win and not to lose."

"That's the stuff," said Billie.

"Continuing, Uncle Dan said: 'Our government has expended about \$500,000,000 to put up cantonments and training stations in order to train the men called by the selective draft. When these men are trained the training stations should be immediately filled with younger men, say those in their nineteenth year, to receive six months of intensive military training along the lines of the Chamberlain bill. This will be of immeasurable benefit to them individually. It will do them more good than any other two years of their whole life; it will make them strong, manly, self-reliant, quick and quick to act; it will equip them for a successful life. In short, it will rebuild American manhood and will give the government a body of trained men to draw from in case it is necessary to defend our flag and country. We must settle this question of universal military training immediately, otherwise these training camps may be demolished. The adoption of universal military training will be no loss to the world that from them on we will be prepared to defend ourselves promptly and efficiently, and this will do more good to our country in the future than anything else we could do.'

"Do you think, brother," said Mrs. Graham, "that there will ever be another war?"

"I have no doubt about it," said Uncle Dan. "So long as men are selfish, so long as they are anxious to acquire territory, so long as population presses and demands more room, so long as there remains a scramble for world trade—so long wars will be. When the time comes that we reach the high plane for which we hope and demand, when all will be guided by the brotherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, then, and then only, will war cease. When that day comes there will be no need to keep out of war, for we will need no vaults to protect their treasures, but that day is a long way off."

"The only safe and sane plan is to be able to defend ourselves at all times. Therefore, every citizen should understand that senators and congressmen should be able to defend the military training, so that never again shall the country be caught so completely unprepared as this war found us. For instance, in this case, our enemy has been held back, so we have had a few months in which to prepare. This advantage probably will never come again. It is however our salvation today."

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The child's love for sweets should be satisfied as often as possible with date or fig or a little fresh fruit rather than rich cake or candy.

Cottage cheese is another wholesome food and if it is mixed with cream and well seasoned it is sufficiently sustaining to take the place of meat. Two slices or more of barley or steamed brown bread served with the cottage cheese with a banana or an apple will be a good lunch. The cheese, if rich with cream, may be carried in a small paper cup. These paper cups are useful for carrying custards of various flavors or jams and jellies to supply the sweet that a child enjoys for dessert.

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Number Five
Jimmie and a German Boy Clash—Must Do Three Things to Save Country.

It was a warm argument, so Uncle Dan went over to a new table under the spreading branches of the great tree that suggested the farm name of Oak River. Billie and Jimmie were looking for him, so Uncle Dan was captured by the boys on short order.

"Say, Uncle Dan," Billie began, "we had a robust argument at school yesterday with Carl Newman. Carl said that German schools were miles ahead of our schools and that no one could come up to the educated German. Well, Jimmie got hot under the collar and handed it back to him good and plenty. Jimmie said that if his education taught them to forget Louisiana, and hospital ships, murder hundreds of women and children, make slaves of the Belgians, poison some, destroy fruit trees and commit all sorts of crimes, then we did not want that kind of education here. What do you think about it, Uncle Dan?" I told Jimmie you spent a lot of time in Europe and knew all about schools, so give us your opinion."

"Well," replied Uncle Dan, deliberately, "the German schools are very thorough; they furnish exceedingly valuable and practical instruction. The industrial training even there is probably the best to be found. The schools as a whole, however, in my opinion, are to the head only and not to the heart. The aim and trend is to make the individual blindly submissive to the Prussian plan of world domination. It is a very much to be feared that Germany to rule the world, and that to the glory and advantage of Germany. In this plan, all things must be done, that the Kaiser has here of the state, can do no wrong if he carries forward the plan of world control. Some of the greatest teachers of the world have been in Germany, and they have defended and justified their heartless crushing of Belgians and the many other atrocious crimes she has committed. The German people are an American education reaches both the head and the heart. It is an education with a soul, and we must educate the high ideals we have in mind. In a word, in Germany, the people are taught that they exist for the government, while here the government exists to serve the people."

"Just wait a minute," interrupted Billie. "Say that over again slowly, so I can write it down."

Uncle Dan, smilingly, complied.

Billie exclaimed: "Now, we will hand that out for Carl to crack. Carl, you know, is a very smart fellow, but he is posted on the German arguments. Carl said our government was only an experiment, a survey; that it was not yet twenty years, and that it might burst up any old time. Jimmie asked him if Germany was so mighty good, why they did not go back there to live."

"Our government will go on forever," said Uncle Dan.

"Now," said Uncle Dan, "you are raising a big question, and one that has troubled me for years. Our government is serving the state, the state in fact, it is the greatest experiment ever undertaken, and if popular government is to be successful, it must be a success. I think that it is a very impressive manner, that if our country is to go on, as we hope and pray, it must be a success. It must do three things, and I will name them in the order of importance as it appears to me:

"First, compulsory universal military training of all young men physically fit before they reach the age of twenty years.

"Next, require that every foreigner who comes here to live must, within a reasonable time, say a year, declare his intention of becoming an American citizen and take the necessary steps to do so, thereby, from that moment, assuming all the obligations of citizenship. In reporting the nation's history, it speaks of having had to use \$250,000 of the president's special emergency fund for national aid in its man and woman labor. Enough remains to tide it over till an appropriation can be made.

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